(iv) *Protocol in cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of Republic of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan:* The Protocol envisages regular contacts between the two Ministries at various levels in order to promote political, economic and cultural cooperation between the two countries as well as to facilitate exchange of views on bilateral relations and international problems of mutual interest.

(v) *Memorandum of Trilatural Meeting between Delegation of Turkmenistan, India and the Islamic republic of Iran:* The Memorandum carries forward the process of consultations between the three Governments over developing an Agreement of International Transit Trade.

2. In addition to the above, the Protocol on cooperation in the sphereas of culture, Arts, Education, Mass-media and sports concluded between the two Governments in 1992, was extended for a further period of two years i.e.1995 and 1996.

3. Besides the Credit Agreement of US $ 10 million signed during PM's visit, India has also extended to Tuirkmenistan a credit of US $ 5 million under credit agreement signed between the two Governments in March 1995. This credit is to be used for export of capital goods/ project exports and services from India. An amount of US $ 4.65 million has been approved under the credit to finance an Indo-Turkmen joint venture in Turkmenistan in the pharmaceuticals sector. The second credit of US $ 10 million will be available once this earlier credit line is fully utilised.

Proposal to make Patna an International Airport

867. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any steps to modernise Patna airport;

(b) whether Government propose to make it an International Airport in view of Bihar being an international Buddhist Centre of pilgrims; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is developing Patna as a model airport. There is no proposal to declare Patna as an international airport. Customs and immigration facilities already exist for international operations. Extension and modification of terminal building, extension of apron to accommodate 3 Boeing-737 and 2 fokker-27, aircraft have been undertaken and these works are expected to be completed by March, 1996. A new Doppler very High Frequency Omni Range (DOVR) and Airport Speech Recorder have been instlled at this airport.

एयरलाइन्स द्वारा पूंजी बाजार से धन जुटाया जाना

868. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या एयर इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और अन्य निजी एयर टैक्सी प्रचालकों ने वर्तमान पूंजी बाजार से धन जुटाने के प्रयास किए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्य को प्राप्त कर लिए जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो कारणों सहित इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) किन-किन प्रयोजनों हेतु पूंजी बाजार से धन जुटाया जा रहा है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) एयर इंडिया और इंडियन एयरलाइन्स ने पूंजी बाजार से धन जुटाने के कोई प्रयास नहीं किये हैं। निजी एयरलाइनों को इस प्रकार की सूचना सरकार को देना आवश्यक नहीं है।